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29 January 1958

Dear Mike,

This is an acknowledgment both of your letter of 24 January and of your previous note expressing thanks for the visit with Leslie Harris. I will check and see whether there is any possibility of a documentary on OSS and advise you earliest. It is true that there are films available and the big question would be whether these could be opened up without any jeopardy to sources and methods. I will drop you a line just as soon as I get an answer.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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24th January 1958.

Dear Mr. K

I am back again - this time riding another horse. You are undoubtedly familiar with our Twentieth Century series which was kicked off with the film on Churchill. This series has been a great success and undoubtedly will go on into a second year. As you probably know it is sponsored by the Prudential people and is very much of a prestige programme.

Among other subjects the Producers have been thinking about doing a show based on the work of the O.S.S during World War II. Their concept of the programme is a documentary report particularly emphasizing the training of Agents for the work they are called upon to perform.

I assume that all the film dealing with the training and dispatching of Agents which was filmed during the War is stowed away in your archives. As a

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matter of fact, I think at one time during our discussion of our proposed film series we mentioned the possibility of viewing some of this old film. In any event my question of the moment is: would the boss be interested in having documentary on O.S.S. included in the Twentieth Century series, and if so, would it be possible for CBS to obtain some of the old training and operational film that was made, with all due consideration for security of course.

I don't want to tire you out with CBS matters but this Twentieth Century proposal seems to fall into a different category, and therefore is perhaps more practical than the film series project with its sticky attribution problem.

I would greatly appreciate your turning this one over in your mind and letting me have your reaction.

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I was dismayed to find on
my return to [redacted] had been
rushed off to the hospital, but I talked
to him earlier today and he seems to be
making a strong and complete recovery -
so good in fact that he has laid on an
evening for Saturday week.

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Warmest regards,

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